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The fifth annual seminar for suppliers of automobiles bears the title: “Make process improvements now and prepare for the economic turnaround”

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Minerva Czech Republic, in cooperation with the automotive organizations of Odette International and its national organization Odette Czech Republic, QAD and Renault, is going to hold what is already the fifth annual expert seminar for automotive suppliers. The seminar will be held in the Autoklub ČR building, designed during the First Republic and located at Opletalova 29, in the centre of Prague on 16th April 2009.

The key speakers who are to give exclusive presentations at the seminar are John Canvin, Chairman of the European organisation Odette International and Simona Rihtar, Suppliers Logistics Performance Manager of Renault's Slovenian plant Revoz.

The seminar has, throughout its existence, attained the level of an international conference of experts and suppliers, who regularly lavish praise on the seminar, come in large numbers. Last year, the seminar was attended not only by Czech suppliers but also by people from Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. This year's seminar, which is called “Make process improvements now and prepare for the economic turnaround”, deals with the position of suppliers during the ongoing period of financial and economic recession. We will place emphasis on streamlined processes across the supplier chain using all available best practices. John Canvin, chairman of Odette International, a European automotive organization, will provide information from within the environment of the European automotive industry from the point of view of OEM and suppliers. The presence of Simona Rihtar from a Slovenian plant of Renault, in which for example the Renault Twingo is assembled, will undoubtedly make a big benefit. Being a representative of OEM, she gives an inspiring example, both in terms of requirements from and approach to their suppliers. Following tradition, a presentation will be given by Terry Onica and Etienne Ouvry from QAD, who closely cooperate with both automotive organizations and individual car factories and suppliers. Participants will be informed of the upcoming changes to the MMOG/LE (Materials Management Operations Guideline/Logistics Evaluation) standard which is used in the automotive industry worldwide. Vladimír Bartoš from Minerva will give a presentation on local support, providing an introduction to the merits of lean production, for example through the use of a business process map which satisfies standard requirements.

Admission to the seminar is free for registered participants. Registration will open in March at www.minerva-is.eu or marketing@minerva-is.eu. Participants in the seminar will be provided with simultaneous interpretation into Czech and English. The seminar is designed for automotive suppliers (manufacturers) and, in particular, for the following positions: purchasing manager, logistics manager, quality control manager, plant manager, financial manager and IT manager.



The seminar will be followed by a MMOG/LE standard training course for suppliers which will be conducted by experts from Minerva ČR. The training course will continue till 17th April 2009. Keep your eye out for updated information on our website. The MMOG/LE training in the Czech Republic and Slovakia is provided in Czech language only.

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